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For: POLYPEPTIDE AND PROCESS FOR MEASURING LIVING BODY COMPONENTS USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 69, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Example 1

Synthesis of Ala-(Ser(SO₃H))₅-βAla (SEQ ID NO:3) (polypeptide 3)

(1) Synthesis of Fmoc-Ala-(Ser)₅-βAla (SEQ ID NO:1)

Using 2.3 g (1.5 mmols in terms of βAla) of Fmoc-βAla-Alko Resin (100 to 200 mesh, mfd. by Watanabe Chemical Industries, Ltd.) as a starting material, Fmoc-Ala-(Ser)₅-βAla (SEQ ID NO:1) was synthesized by a solid phase technique according to the method (BOP/HOBt method) described in a reference (J. Org. Chem., 53, 617-624 (1988)).